GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMMITTEE FOR FILMS AND TV SERIALS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for selection of feature films and TV serials for telecast in the Doordarshan Channels in various languages;

(b) the details of the committees constituted by the Government for this purpose;

(c) the composition of the said committees;

(d) whether there are complaints that these members are ignoring the norms for giving clearance to films and TV serials;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a): Prasar Bharati have informed that Doordarshan procures feature films for telecast from M/s N.F.D.C. Limited on royalty basis. The films are being selected for telecast by Film Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of CEO, Prasar Bharati. Guidelines/criteria are prescribed for the consideration, processing and approval of proposals of outside producers for telecast of TV programmes/serials under "Sponsorship Category" and 'Self-Financed Commissioning', and Commissioning category. The guidelines are duly approved by the Prasar Bharati Board.

(b) & (c): Government has not constituted any such Committee as Prasar Bharati is an autonomous organisation. However, the details of Committees set up by Prasar Bharati are given in the Annexure.

(d): Prasar Bharati have informed that there are no such complaints.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.